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AND HE WILL BEGIN A MARINE ENGINEERING CURRICULUM AT THE  
ACADEMY IN THE FALL.  
AT PRESENT THERE ARE TWO OTHER MICRONESIANS ATTENDING  
THE CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY, LUKNER WEILBACHER OF  
PONAPE AND GEORGE BUCHOMAL OF YAP, WHO HAVE BOTH COMPLETED  
THEIR FIRST YEAR OF TRAINING. BUCHOMAL IS ALSO ON A

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FULL TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP, WHILE WEILBACHER IS  
BEING ASSISTED BY BOTH A TRANSPORTATION DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP  
AND A TRUST TERRITORY SCHOLARSHIP.

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COMTWELVE PASS INFO FOR AMB WILLIAMS  
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NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE FOLLOWING IS A  
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA RELEASE RECEIVED BY MNS TOO LATE  
TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REGULAR MNS DISPATCH. IT IS MEANT  
TO FOLLOW THE MNS STORY FOR JULY 26 (CONGRESS SESSION

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RRTEF.)

SAIPAN, JULY 26 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---MARIANAS SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA URGED THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FRIDAY (JULY 26) TO PASS LEGISLATION TO GIVE THE TERRITORY'S SIX DISTRICTS GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONTROL OVER THEIR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

IN HIS SENATE SPEECH, BORJA SAID THAT THE CONGRESS SHOULD FAVORABLE CONSIDER THE MAJOR ISSUES LISTED IN

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THE SPECIAL SESSION CALL SUCH AS REVENUE SHARING, RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS, AND THE ELECTION OF DISTADS. HE ALSO ASKED THAT REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BE DELAYED BECAUSE IN HIS OPINION THE UPCOMING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WOULD HANDLE THE MATTER AND THAT TOO LITTLE TIME REMAINS TO REAPPORTION THE CONGRESS BEFORE THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

"THESE ARE MATTERS WHICH DEMAND OUR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND ACTION DURING THIS SHORT SESSION," BORJA SAID.

CONCERNING REVENUE SHARING WHICH HE SAID MUST BEGIN FOR "VERY COMPELLING REASONS" BORJA SAID EACH DISTRICT SHOULD RECEIVE AN EQUITABLE AMOUNT OF THE REVENUES IT GENERATES, AND THAT THE PLAN WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY OF DECENTRALIZING THE GOVERNMENT AND GIVING MORE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE DISTRICTS. "IT WILL ALLOW THEM GREATER EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING THEIR OWN MATTER," HE EXPLAINED, "A VALUABLE STEP BOTH IN TRANSITION TO A NEW STATUS, AND FOR THAT STATUS.

"THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS TO THE DISTRICTS IS

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ANOTHER MAJOR ISSUE," BORJA STATED, INDICATING THAT SUCH LEGISLATION WOULD BE "HISTORICALLY AND SIGNIFICANT" BECAUSE IT WOULD RESTORE TO THE DISTRICTS THEIR "GREATEST NATURAL ASSET."

TOUCHING ON THE ISSUE OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS,

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THE MARIANAS SENATOR NOTED THAT MARIANAS REPRESENTATIVES IN THE CONGRESS "CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE OTHER DISTRICTS IN ACHIEVING THEIR DESIRED STATUS." BORJA SAID HE HOPED THAT THE OTHER DISTRICTS WOULD LIKEWISE ASSIST THE MARIANAS IN ACHIEVING THEIR POLITICAL GOALS. ALSO RELATED TO THE STATUS QUESTION, BORJA SAID PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO ALLOW FOR THE ELECTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS WOULD BE A STEP NECESSARY FOR "GIVING GREATER RESPONSIBILITY TO THE DISTRICTS AND MAKING OUR GOVERNMENT MORE RESPONSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING GOVERNED."

CONCLUDING HIS REMARKS, BORJA NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH CONGRESS REVENUES ARE LIMITED, DISTRICT APPROPRIATION BILLS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ENACTED. "WE MUST CONSIDER WHAT DISTRICT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS ARE IMPORTANT AND

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NECESSARY AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING IN THIS SESSION," HE SAID.

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